

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on October 18, 2004, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendments and following remarks are offered in response thereto. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

In an Amendment filed on July 26, 2004, Claims 11–35 were canceled without prejudice to the underlying subject matter and Claims 36–48 were added. In the pending Office Action, the Examiner withdrew Claims 36–48 from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention and deemed the Amendment non-responsive. *See*, Office Action, Paragraphs 3 and 4, Pages 2–3. Applicants consider the Amendment **not** to have been entered, in accordance with MPEP § 821.03. Therefore, Claims 11–35 are pending.

Claims 29 and 34–36 have been amended to address the outstanding § 101 and § 112 rejections. Without acceding to the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), Claims 11 and 29 have been amended to more clearly recite certain distinctive features of the claimed invention.

Claim 11 is directed to a method for deriving a class and/or an object having a first given name and recites, *inter alia*, making a copy of an entire tree of a class or object, the class or object having an instance of a generic attribute class and an instance of a generic method class, the instance of the generic method class including an instance of a generic parameter class. Claim 29 is directed to a computer system for implementing a method for deriving a class and/or an object having a first given name, and recites substantially the same subject matter. Applicants respectfully submit that the cited prior art fails to teach or suggest these features.

Timbol (USP 6,237,135) is directed to a development system for creating Java-Bean compatible software components using Java development system 200. *See*, e.g., Abstract; Col. 4, line 6 to Col. 5 line 12. Timbol fails to teach or suggest making a copy of an entire tree of a class or object, the class or object including an instance of a generic attribute class and an instance of a generic method class, the instance of the generic method class including an instance of a generic parameter class, as recited by Claims 11 and 29. Instead, Timbol discloses a simple "Point" class including two double variables, x and y, accessed using the familiar "dot" notation. *See*, e.g., Col. 2, lines 30–63. Applicants submit that none of the remaining references, taken either singly or in combination, teach or suggest these features.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments presented herein and for the reasons explained in the preceding remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance and should now be passed to issue.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and to credit any overpayments that may be required by this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-1165.

Respectfully submitted,

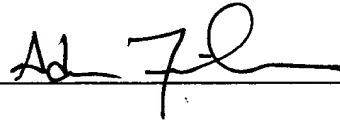
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